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Overland Mail Route to California.
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
April 20, 1857.
ACT of Congress, approved 3d March, 1857

10. That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized to contract for the conveyance of the entire letter mail from such points on the Mississippi river, as the contractors may select, to San Francisco, in the State of California, for six years, at a cost not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars per annum for semi-monthly, four and fifty thousand dollars for weekly, or six hundred thousand

11. That the contractor shall require the service to be performed with good four-horse coaches or spring wagons, suitable for the carriage of passengers as well as the safety and security of the

13. That the said service shall be performed within twenty-five days of each trip; and that, before entering into such contract, the said General shall be satisfied of the ability and disposition of the said contractor, *bona fide* and in good faith, to perform the said contract,

mail will accordingly be received at the Contract Office of the War Department, until 3, p. m., of the 1st day of June, 1887, for all mail under the provisions of the above act.

As the starting point on the Mississippi river, bidders will name intermediate points proposed to be embraced in the route and other.

Anteponer shall be executed, with good and sufficient sureties, that the contract shall be executed with like good security, whenever the

of such contract.

Form of Proposal.

_____, of _____, county of _____, State _____, propose to convey the entire letter mail, for the term _____, at the rate of _____ per annum, for the term _____.

California, agree to the advertisement of the Postmaster of the 20th April, 1857, in good four-horse coaches or spring suitable for the conveyance of passengers, as well as the good security of the mails, semi-monthly, each way, for the annual sum of _____ dollars; weekly, each way, for the annual sum of _____ dollars; semi-weekly, each way, for the annual sum of _____ dollars.

undersigned, residing at _____, State of _____, un-
derstands that, if the foregoing bid for carrying the mail on the route
_____ on the Mississippi river, to San Francisco, Califor-
nia, is accepted by the Postmaster General, the bidder shall, when re-
quired by the Postmaster General, enter into the necessary oblig-

(Signed by two guarantors.)

Form of Certificate.

re, and knows them to be men of property, and able to make
r guarantee.

(Signed.)

INSTRUCTIONS,

pay will be made for trips not performed; and for each of such trips, not satisfactorily explained, three times the pay of the trip deducted. Deductions will also be ordered for a grade of person inferior to that specified in the contract. For repeated delinquency of the kind herein specified, enlarged penalties, proportioned to the nature thereof and the importance of the mail, may be made.

...an express conveying intelligence in advance of the mail, the sender's pay may be deducted.

Postmaster General may annul the contract for repeated failure to agreeably to contract; for violating the post office laws, or neglecting the instructions of the department; for refusing to discharge his duties when required by the department to do so; for peculation; the

and received after the last day and hour named, or without the one required by law, cannot be considered in competition with a European reasonable in amount.

The bid must be guaranteed by two or more responsible persons known to the Postmaster General. General guarantees cannot be accepted. The bid and guarantee should be *signed* plainly with the full name of each person.

modification of a bid in any of its essential terms is tantamount to a new bid, and cannot be received, so as to interfere with a regular bidding process.

as sureties without knowing that they are persons of sufficient responsibility; and all bidders, guarantors, and sureties are notified that, on a failure to enter into or perform the contracts or service proposed for in the accepted bids, their legal liabilities are enforced against them.

tion of bidders, guarantors, sureties, &c., is directed to the laws, viz:

Act of March 3, 1825, requiring contractors, carriers, &c., to

Act of July 2, 1836, liabilities of guarantors.
Act of July 2, 1836, authorizing bids of failing contractors to
Act of July 2, 1836, in relation to combinations amongst bid-
April 21, 1808, provides that no member of Congress can be a

Act of March 3, 1825, provides that no other than a free person shall be employed in carrying the mail.

—Sawtisi June†
Postmaster General.

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Washington, April 18, 1857.
PROPOSALS for carrying the mails of the United

of routes under same numbers in the advertisement of 1st January, 1857.)

arrive at Windsor by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ a m;
leave Windsor daily, except Sunday, at 6 p m, or on arrival of
cars;
arrive at Woodstock by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ p m;
leave Woodstock daily, except Sunday, at 8 a m;
leave at Bethel by 11 a m.

from Bethel, by Gaysville, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, North Sherburne, and Mendon, to Rutland, 29 miles and back, six times a week.

riders may propose schedules of departures and arrivals to be approved by the postmasters at the ends of the route. Form of proposals and instructions and requirements, see adjacent inviting proposals for mail service in the New England dated 1st January, 1857, to be found at the principal post offices.

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